

14. (New) The conjugate of claim 1 wherein the carrier comprises a polyether.

15. (New) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein the fluorescent compound has an excitation wavelength of 630 nm or greater or 450 nm or less.

16. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the conjugate of claim 1 and an acceptable carrier or excipient.

17. (New) A method of distinguishing unhealthy tissue from healthy tissue, comprising administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 16 to a subject in need thereof.--

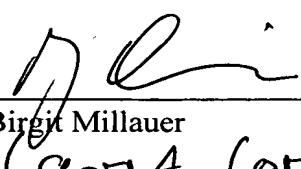
**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments be made of record in the file history of the instant application. The amendments do not add new matter and are fully supported by the specification and the claims as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

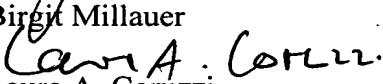
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